

Memorandum

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COMMERCE

TO : Mr. William Morell

DATE: MAY 29 1967

FROM : Sherman R. Abrahamson

In reply refer to:

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SUBJECT: CIA Support for Export Control Activities

Dear Bill:

When our telephone conversation ended last Friday morning, (May 26), I knew that you were dissatisfied with my reaction to your discussion. Your reference to the meeting between you and some of your staff and Ted Thau and me, prompted me to retrieve from the file a copy of the Memorandum of Conversation, dated 14 December 1966, which stated what was agreed to at that meeting.

If you refer to that memorandum you will note that the first paragraph on the second page sets forth a basic constraint circumscribing your operation. Your statement reads as follows:

At the outset Mr. Morell explained to the Commerce representatives that CIA does not consider that it has the responsibility, statutory or otherwise, for coordinating the views of the intelligence community for presentation to the ACEP and OC. The CIA view was that each department or agency having pertinent intelligence capabilities should be responsible for furnishing such intelligence information to the ACEP and OC through its own representatives.

This constraint is followed by a listing of the agreed ground rules that are to apply to your support for the ACEP program. Please be assured that as far as I am aware, we have no reservations about your support activities as delineated by these ground rules.

If there is any dissatisfaction or lack of agreement here as far as CIA support for ACEP is concerned, I would suggest that it may be with the uncoordinated nature of the support. As users of intelligence we have great difficulty in reaching a policy or operational decision whenever divergent views are presented in the ACEP forum that derive either from differing evaluations of the same intelligence or from different intelligence. In the best of all possible worlds we would prefer having CIA present coordinated intelligence. You indicated, however, that this is not possible under your current budgetary limitations. Your suggestion that this matter be discussed at a higher level, e.g. ACEP, would be most appropriate.

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FORM CD-82
(11-14-63)

DATE 6/20/67

TO : WMorell

FROM: Sherman R. Abrahamson

Dear Bill:

As the attached buck slip indicates, I passed this note on to Secretary Trowbridge several weeks ago. As you know, certain other activities had higher priority, so he didn't get to this item until yesterday. On his buck slip returning the memo to me, he noted that in his conversation with CIA representatives, he was trying to reflect the views of Rauer Meyer and Ted Thau on CIA support of export control activities. He also noted that if my note does reflect their views, I should send it on. Both Rauer and Ted agree that I have identified correctly the main problem area.

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FORM CD-82
(11-14-63)

DATE 5/29/67

TO : Secretary Trowbridge
Thru: Actg Asst Secy McQuade *SCW*
FROM: Sherman R. Abrahamson

In a recent telecon, Bill Morell referred to a conversation you had recently with some CIA people. He had heard that you had expressed some dissatisfaction with CIA's support for export control activities. The attached memorandum is intended to focus on the problem area. If it corresponds with your views, I will send it on.

Attachments

1. Suggested response to Bill Morell
2. Copy of a Memorandum of Conversation

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